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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 27, 1999

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE990617

To amend temporarily or waive license
conditions regarding operation of the
dam across the North Anna River
in Louisa and Spotsylvania Counties

ORDER FOR NOTICE

Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "Company") has filed an application seeking permission to reduce the discharge flow from its dam on the North Anna River from 40 cubic feet per second ("cfs") of water to 20 cfs. The Company states that the drought conditions that have persisted throughout Central Virginia during the summer have reduced the level of Lake Anna such that continued operation of the North Anna nuclear stations may be jeopardized without the requested reduction in outflow from the lake. The Commission delayed establishing a proceeding in this matter in hopes that Hurricane Dennis or Hurricane Floyd would negate that need for action on the application, but is advised by the Staff and the Company that it desires to proceed hereon.

NOW THE COMMISSION, in consideration of the application, is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE990617; that Virginia Power should publish notice of its application in each county that would be affected by the reduced flow of the North Anna River; and that interested persons should be given the opportunity to comment, or request hearing, on the Application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE990617.

(2) On or before October 12, 1999, Virginia Power shall cause the following notice to be published once as display advertising in newspapers of general circulation throughout the area adjacent to the North Anna River and downstream of the North Anna Dam:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC
AND POWER COMPANY TO AMEND TEMPORARILY OR
WAIVE LICENSE CONDITION REGARDING DISCHARGE
OF WATER FROM THE NORTH ANNA DAM IN LOUISA
AND SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTIES IN VIRGINIA

On September 3, 1999, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "Company") applied to the State Corporation Commission for a temporary amendment or waiver of a license condition regarding the discharge of water from the North Anna dam in Louisa and Spotsylvania Counties. The Company represents that the drought conditions that have prevailed throughout the area have reduced the level of Lake Anna such that a reduction in the outflow of

water from the lake through the dam must be curtailed to permit continued operation of its North Anna nuclear generating station. Virginia Power is currently required, by terms of its license to operate the dam, to discharge 40 cubic feet per second of water through the dam. It has requested an amendment to permit discharge of 20 cubic feet per second, until such time as the drought conditions abate.

The Commission has docketed the application as Case No. PUE990617. Interested persons may comment or request hearing on the application by submitting such comment or request to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the Commission, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2117, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and making reference to Case No. PUE990617 in such comment or request. A copy of any comment or request must also be delivered to counsel for the Company, Richard D. Gary, Esquire, Hunton & Williams, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Any request for hearing should state with specificity the grounds upon which a hearing should be convened and the evidence the party expects to introduce at any hearing. If no sufficient request for hearing is received, the Commission may act upon the application without holding an evidentiary hearing. Any comment or request must be submitted on or before October 29, 1999.

Copies of the application may be obtained from counsel for the Company at the address set out above, or may be viewed at the State Corporation Commission, Document Control Center, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during normal business hours.

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(3) Interested parties may comment or request hearing on the application by filing such comment or request with the Clerk of the Commission on or before October 29, 1999, and delivering a copy of such comment or request to counsel for the Company, Richard D. Gary, Esquire, Hunton & Williams, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Requests for hearing should state with specificity the grounds upon which a hearing should be convened and the evidence the party expects to introduce at such hearing. If no sufficient request for hearing is received, the Commission may act upon the application without holding an evidentiary hearing.

(4) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.